

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Western Area Power Administration modernizing the Grid:

I have been a customer of City of Pierre SD for over 30 plus years and the City has never asked for my comments nor any other city customer on Western Area Power Administration plan. I am the customer who pays the bill not the City of Pierre.

Back in early 1980's thru 1994 Western had a Conservation and Renewable Energy program that was funded at more than Six Million Dollar per year, this program supplied customers of Western with activities that provided anemometer loan, training and educational workshop, energy studies, solar demo on PV, and research studies that public power customer used. This C& R E program allowed the preference customers to use large storage tanks as demand control, load control strategies and very useful other programs. Without the those early years of investment dollars of the C&R E we would not have wind energy development in Dakota's.

The Western Administrator cut the funding back in 1995 without public comment. I would like the funding restored so that future customers can do new programs like energy education workshops, energy efficiency training, distributed wind and renewable energy. The current IRP plan only help the utilities make more money and not help the paying customers like me, if you would to discuss that matter more full I would be glad to.

A committee of preference customers both retail and wholesale, would be the best way to invest the money on Western Area Power Administration Conservation and Renewable Energy, like Wind for School program in AZ, NE, CO, SD, KS, and MT. see link [http://www.windpoweringamerica.gov/schools\\_wfs\\_project.asp](http://www.windpoweringamerica.gov/schools_wfs_project.asp)

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